

**CONTINUATION OF THE REGULAR MEETING of the Town Council held on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. in the Media Center, Burrillville High School, 425 East Avenue., Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Council President Wallace F. Lees; Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**8. Unfinished Business to be considered and acted upon:**

**05-136 VOTED to open the correspondence from John P. Mainville, Finance Director, regarding his request that the Town Council discuss and consider whether or not it wishes to seek State authorization to exceed the 5.5% spending cap.**

**Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.**

**Discussion: Walter J. Kane, Town Solicitor explained that the budget submitted by the Town**

**Manager was within the budget cap, but considering the recent ruling for the Johnston**

**School Department, it would be unwise to take away a potential option should the schools require additional funds. He suggested that the safest thing to do would be to hold off on voting against requesting the authorization until it was clear what the state intended to do. Councilor William A. Andrews agreed that taking any action may be premature. He also mentioned the letter the councilors received from the governor asking the towns to hold the line with this year's budgets. Town Manager Michael C. Wood said that the budget should come within the 5 ½ percent budget cap, however it would be unwise to vote against requesting authorization to exceed the cap before talking to the school department. He suggested that the towns are being subjected to two competing laws and that the governor and the legislature must see the impact of forcing the towns to remain within the budget cap and provide unlimited funds to the schools. Councilor William E. Gonyea indicated that he was opposed to exceeding the budget cap and that it was time to run the town within its means. Council President Wallace F. Lees and Councilor Ronald E. Faford agreed with Councilor Gonyea. Several residents spoke, acknowledging the dilemma faced by the council in developing the budget but indicating support for staying within the 5.5% cap. Council President Wallace F. Lees encouraged the residents to attend the upcoming budget hearings.**

**VOTED to table at the call of the chair.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor William A. Andrews. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**9. New Business:**

**05-152 VOTED to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Town of Burrillville for fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**05-153 VOTED to open correspondence from Steve Rawson, Chairman, Burrillville Conservation Commission regarding their request that Warren Hebert, member of the Commission, be replaced and to declare that seat vacant.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**05-154 VOTED to refer the application from Valerie Leduc for reappointment to the Personnel Board to the Screening Subcommittee.**

**Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**10. Town Clerk/Communication:**

**05-155 VOTED to receive and file the Town of Burrillville Goals & Objectives and Public Policy and Legislative Agenda – 2005/2006, as adopted on April 13, 2005.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L.**

**Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**05-156 VOTED to receive and file the request from Michael C. Wood, Town Manager regarding the concealed pistol or revolver policy.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**05-157 VOTED to receive and file the correspondence from the Town of Foster regarding their support of a resolution requesting the General Assembly to investigate and establish a system of universal or regional health care for the State of Rhode Island.**

**Motion by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. Seconded by Councilor William E. Gonyea. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**05-158 VOTED to receive and open the correspondence from the Town of Cumberland requesting support of a resolution that would increase the amount of real estate conveyance tax received by the Rhode Island municipalities.**

**Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.**

**Discussion: Councilor Andrews questioned whether the resolution was requesting an increase in the overall cost of the transfer tax or simply an increase in the percent of the current rate that each town now receives. Town Solicitor Walter Kane clarified for council that the resolution was seeking a larger share of the current tax rate for municipalities and did not seek an increase in the amount of the tax itself.**

**VOTED to receive and file.**

**Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.**

**05-159 VOTED to receive and file correspondence from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation regarding resurfacing Route 98 (Steere Farm Road) from Route 107 to Route 100.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor Margaret L. Dudley. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.**

**11. VOTED to receive reports as listed:**

- 1. Town Treasurer: March 2005**
- 2. Burrillville Sewer Commission: February & March 2005; Meetings of February 8, 2005 and March 8, 2005**
- 3. Tax Collector: March 2005**
- 4. Department of Public Works: March 2005**
- 5. Chief of Police: March 2005**
- 6. Office of Building Official: March 2005**
- 7. Animal Control Officer: March 2005**
- 8. Burrillville Housing Authority: No report**
- 9. Planning Board: Meeting of March 7, 2005**
- 10. Zoning Board of Review: No report**
- 11. Town Planner: No report**
- 12. Parks and Recreation Department: April 2005**
- 13. Information Systems Department: April 2005**
- 14. Burrillville Conservation Commission: No report**
- 15. Juvenile Hearing Board: No report**
- 16. Ordinance Subcommittee: No report**

- 17. Redevelopment Agency: No report**
- 18. Route 102 Study Commission: No report**
- 19. BOSAP: Meeting of March 17, 2005**
- 20. Personnel Board: Meetings of January 18 and February 22, 2005**
- 21. Screening Subcommittee: No report**
- 22. Downtown Pascoag and Neighborhood Association: No report**
- 23. Budget Board: Meetings of March 10, 2005**

**Motion by Councilor William A. Andrews. Seconded by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, Councilors William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea.**

**12. Additional New Business:**

**05-160 VOTED to approve the charge to the Library Building Committee.**

**Motion by Councilor Jacqueline Zahn. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**13. VOTED to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.**



**Motion by Councilor William E. Gonyea. Seconded by Councilor Ronald E. Faford. The motion was unanimous. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Wallace F. Lees, Councilors Jacqueline Zahn, William A. Andrews, Nancy F. Binns, Margaret L. Dudley, Ronald E. Faford and William E. Gonyea**

**Cynthia H. Ketcham, Deputy Town Clerk**